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## New foundation for leadership

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News Editor

"It is better that we teach people to be great leaders than to lead people," said Annapolis-area businessman and entrepreneur Michael Scarborough ('76).

Scarborough is helping SSU do just that, as he presented the University a \$500,000 check, for the building of the first Student Leadership Center in the University System of Maryland at a press conference last Tuesday.

The new house is for fraternities and sororities, both academic and social, and it will be the new site for leadership programs for SSU students.

Carol Williamson, vice president of student affairs, said that the Leadership House is an opportunity for social and academic fraternities and sororities to "join forces and bring programming to both groups and, in fact,

the whole University."

As a part of SSU's continuing Strategic Plan to enhance the student leadership, supporters hope that the center will gain national eminence for its development of SSU undergraduate leadership skills, in preparation for tomorrow's world.

Carolyn Moloney, president of the Panhellenic Council, said, "One of the practices of employers is to look at leadership skills. This [Leadership House] will help students beyond SSU."

One program offered by the Office of Student Activities and Organizations is the Student Leadership Institute. There are three levels of leaderships workshops, emerging, established and experienced. The weekly workshops feature various speakers from the campus community. When the new Leadership house is complete, the workshop series will be held there.

Joe Oravec,

director of Student Activities and Organizations, said, "More universities are starting to offer a major in leadership. I would not be surprised if that in four to five years, SSU has a [leadership] major."

The Leadership House will include a large ceremonial room for receptions and ritual inductions, a resource library on leadership, storage for ritual equipment, study with computers, meeting rooms, offices, a kitchen and an outdoor courtyard.

"This will bring Greeks more in line with the rest of the campus. The resource library will be available to the whole campus and benefit all student



Fraternity and sorority members discuss the leadership house's future after Scarborough's \$500,000 donation.

organizations," said Anthony Butler, student activities and organizations student program assistant.

The new building is set to be

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## Students, faculty discuss new alcohol policy

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In an attempt to control off-campus parties, crime and its effects on the University, the Alcohol Task Force held an open meeting to discuss a possible policy change for students criminally charged off-campus last Thursday, in Caruthers Hall.

The question at hand was if students who host off-campus parties, whether charged civilly or criminally for illegally selling alcohol, should be subject to disciplinary action by the

University, if the violation is substantiated at a campus judicial hearing.

For nearly two hours, 15 students and seven faculty/staff members discussed the possible implementation of the new policy and its guidelines.

An overwhelming student objection to the new policy was evident during the discussion.

Some students argued that there currently is a working justice system off campus grounds and that there simply is no need for more.

Students claimed that more education is the key and argued that the University should educate students that if they choose to drink they should do it responsibly.

The idea of "double-jeopardy," being tried for the same crime twice, seemed to be another area of concern, as those affected would face criminal proceedings from both the local justice system and the University.

One student brought up the question of the policy's jurisdiction and whether or not out of state arrests would be included.

Task Force members reiterated that nothing is definite yet and that they are looking into alternatives, but they were adamant that something has to be done.

"We spend everyday in Student

Health Services cleaning up people's lives who have been greatly affected by alcohol. We need to start looking at ways to get in front of the problem," said Jennifer Berkman, Task Force member and director of SHS.

At the close of the discussion, it was evident that most students agreed with faculty that there is a problem and that some kind of action is necessary but the only question now is what kind.

Someone in the discussion brought up SGA sponsored Safe Ride's enormous success. The fact that the service is completely student run means that students are more likely to use it, especially since they seem to trust their peers.

The proposal to expand the Safe Ride program was made, and SGA officials said they will look into it for next semester.

One student suggested that parties could be registered with student dispatchers so that Safe Ride drivers could make scheduled pick-ups.

As stated in the Task Force's Nov. 12 memo, a significant dimension of the off-campus drinking culture occurs at parties hosted by students where alcohol abuse is encouraged through the illegal sale and or distribution of large amounts of alcohol to many students.

One example is "rent parties"

where hosts charge their guests admission at the door and, in turn, use the profit for personal expenses.

The Task Force adds that such parties create the conditions which breed serious secondary effects, including reported incidents of sexual assault and assault and battery.

The policy change in question would, if enacted by the administration, hold student hosts accountable for creating the conditions where serious secondary effects become likely, if not inevitable.

The Task Force believes that the question deserves careful consideration by the community and continues to seek input on the matter.

Before adopted, the policy would have to be brought before the University Forum, and then the Vice President of Student Affairs and President William Merwin would ultimately have the final decision.

With approximately 55-60 percent of off-campus residents at SSU, the policy addition could affect a great number of students.

In addition, if you would like a member of the Task Force to attend a meeting of your group to discuss this question, please call Barry King, Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs at 410-543-6080 to make arrangements.

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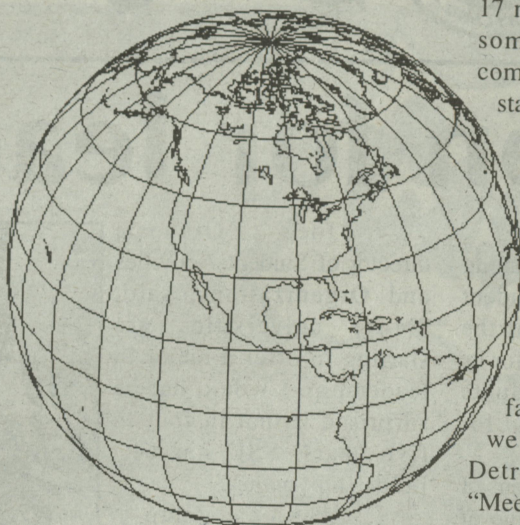
## National/World News

•On Friday, Dec. 4, relatives of Ronni Karpen Moffitt, the New Jersey newlywed killed 22 years ago in a Washington car bombing, linked to the regime of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, appealed to the Clinton administration to indict the former Chilean dictator for her murder. The bomb that killed Moffitt was meant for Orlando Letelier, Chile's ambassador to the United States when Pinochet led a military coup in 1973 that toppled President Salvador Allende.

•On Friday, Dec. 4, a Minneapolis police van careered into a crowd, killing a woman and a baby during a parade. A 35-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene, and a 6-month-old boy died several hours later at a hospital. Ten other people were injured, including four children. Police said the van was picking up intoxicated revelers, when it suddenly accelerated and hit a squad car.

•On Friday, Dec. 4, the Russian government opposed calls for an end to a moratorium on the death penalty, despite

pledges to crack down on crime. President Boris N. Yeltsin imposed the moratorium in 1996 after Russia joined the Council of Europe, a 40-state human rights body that bars members from conducting executions in peacetime. The government plans on preparing an effective plan to decrease crime.



•On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Federal Communications Commission backed away from a plan to tighten limits on radio and television ownership, after a proposal prompted protests from the broadcast industry and its allies in Congress. Agency staff had

recommended that the five commissioners approve a series of changes to ownership limits that, in some cases, would have forced companies to sell stations or end marketing agreements to run TV stations. The plan, which had been scheduled for a vote at the FCC's Dec. 17 meeting, would also have liberalized some limits and allowed other companies to buy more radio and TV stations.

•On Sunday, Dec. 7, James P. Hoffa claimed victory in the election to lead the Teamsters and promised to bring a new militancy to the union once headed by his father. "Everything looks great, and we will be elected," the 57-year-old Detroit labor lawyer said on NBC's "Meet the Press." He said he's already at work trying to restore to the Teamsters the influence it once had in the American labor movement. Hoffa's election was assured Saturday when his opponent Tom Leedham conceded defeat.

## State/Local News

•On Thursday, Dec. 3, Baltimore's 46th mayor, Kurt L. Schmoke, announced his impending departure, after an aggressive finish of his three terms. In explaining the stunning decision not to pursue a fourth term, the mayor said he had talked with his family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday and decided that a new leader should carry the city into the next century and the millennium. "Right now, my gut tells me it's the right time," said Schmoke, during a City Hall news conference.

•On Thursday, Dec. 3, Judge Alfred T. Truitt was forced to declare a mistrial in the murder trial of Jabbar Stephens. After nearly four hours of deliberation, the jury of eight women and four men told the court it could not reach a verdict. Stephens was facing first degree murder charges for the shooting death of 19-year-old Duane Holbrook outside The Pit nightclub last April.

## Students dine with delegates

Beth Plevyak  
Flyer Staff Writer

On Sunday, Nov. 22, the Student Government Association hosted the First Eastern Shore Delegation Dinner, held in the Worcester room in the Commons.

"I think it's wonderful that students and politicians can get together and discuss issues of mutual importance, such as the system of Maryland's formula of funding system," said SGA Senator Michael Anderson.

The purpose of this dinner was to give both SSU student leaders and Eastern Shore politicians the opportunity to meet and discuss state and University accomplishments and goals.

Lee Roth, SGA Vice President of External Affairs, talked about such accomplishments.

Roth also announced the continuing efforts of the Camden Compact Committee, a force that has been working hard to solve the problems that are associated with off-campus partying, violence and crime.

SSU is ranked first in highest graduation rates and second in highest retention rates in the University of Maryland system.

Among the goals for the University is the construction of a new science building.

President William C. Merwin stated that the current science building, Devilbiss Hall, is inadequate for the 700 plus biology majors attending SSU. With the help of state funding, the new building can and will be built.

Another possible addition to the University is a technology based library. The library will give students a chance to keep up with the technological advances that are occurring every day.

The school would also like to increase the freshman class sizes. This year, approximately 900 freshmen were enrolled. However, a new residence hall is needed to accommodate the influx of students.

At the end of the dinner, several of the evening's guests expressed their gratitude to the SGA for allowing them to meet and talk with some of the University's student leaders.

"It's good to see the students' interest in Salisbury State and Wicomico County," said Senator Richard F. Colburn.

Together, the two parties plan to do everything they can to improve the school and the community.

## Alumnus donates \$500,000

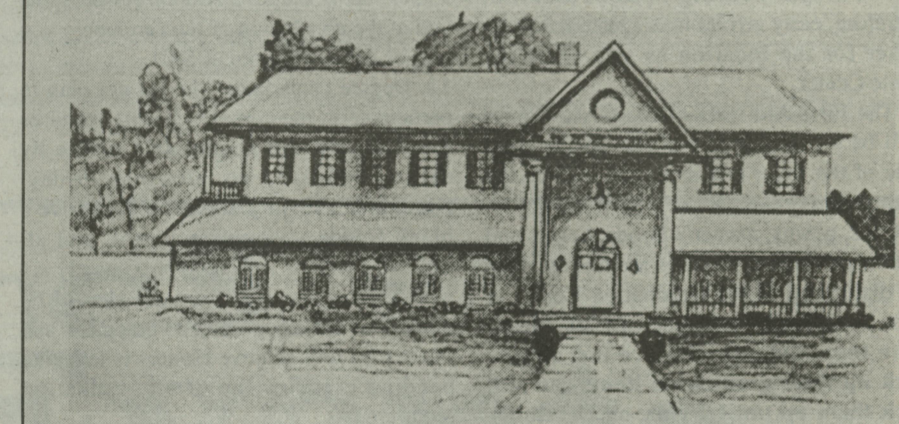
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"I think that we have a moral responsibility to give back to the institution that gave us the opportunity to get an education," said Scarborough.

Scarborough has been nominated for Inc. Magazine's Entrepreneur of the Year and has appeared on CNBC many times. The new Leadership house will be named in his honor as the Scarborough Student Leadership Center.



## Overheard on Red Square

What SSU is talking about this week...

## Reading Day

How convenient...it's on Saturday.

## Heat Wave

It's obvious who took their summer clothes home.

## Saturday's Formal Frenzy

SSU students sure do clean up nicely.

## Semester Countdown

Hang in there, just 10 more days!

## December Grads

Do you have a job yet or just an ulcer?

## Sunday night's blackout...

And *The Flyer* still got out on time.

## University mourns death of student

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News Editor

Over Thanksgiving break, SSU lost one of its students, sophomore Sean Paul McDonald, when he was killed in a car accident late that Friday night in Clinton, MD.

McDonald was a passenger in the car and was killed instantly when the driver lost control.

According to sophomore Monica Cook, Sean was the type of person that always said hello when you passed him, "whether you knew him or not."

A graduate of Bishop McNamara High School, in Camp Springs, MD, Sean loved to play volleyball, and was a member of SSU's men's club team.

"Being on the same court as Sean always put a smile on your face. You knew he was there for the right reasons...to have a good time and play some volleyball," said teammate Joe

Haymes.

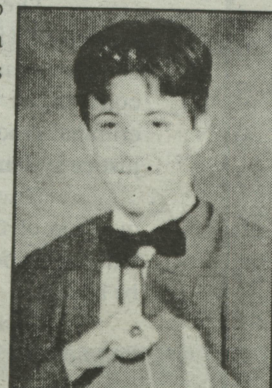
Despite the three hour drive, many students attended McDonald's wake on Tuesday evening in Clinton, MD at Lee's Funeral Home.

"There were so many people at the viewing, so many friends and family, it was amazing," said sophomore Molly Coy, who attended the viewing. Coy remarked that McDonald was well liked and noted that he was always smiling.


The Office of Student Affairs organized a van for students to attend McDonald's funeral last Wednesday morning.

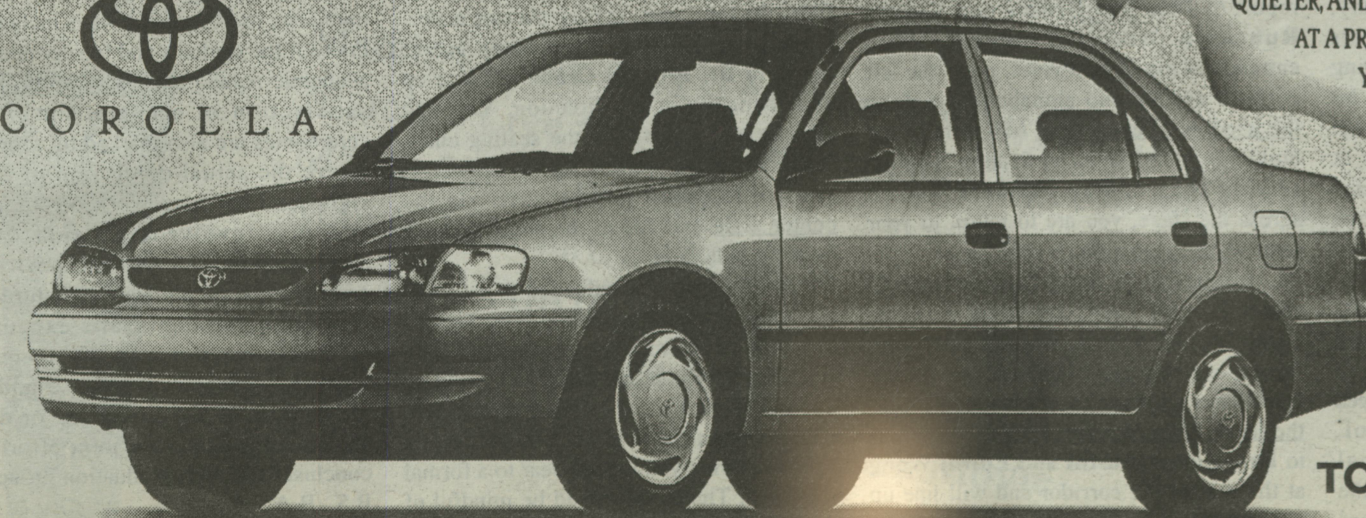
Sean is survived by his parents and two brothers. Jason, one of Sean's brothers and Sean's girlfriend, Jaime Hancock, are both SSU students.

"Sean was an individual. He had his own style; he marched to his own beat. He really left a mark in his cluster. He's really going to be missed in the building [Chester Hall]," said McDonald's Resident Assistant, senior Byron Hughes.



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## General information and directions for Dec. Graduation

1. Commencement will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday December 20, 1998, at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. **Admission will be by ticket only. All graduates are requested to form for processional at 2 p.m.** in the side corridors adjacent to the main arena on the first floor of the Civic Center (see #13-16 for location)

2. The commencement speaker will be **Dr. Wendell Holloway, Member of the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents.**

3. **Physically Disabled Guests** - Accessible seating is provided on the main floor of the arena. Ask an usher for the location as you enter the Civic Center.

4. **Hearing Impaired Guests** - Signers are present for the entire graduation ceremony. Seating for an optimum view of the individual(s) signing is in the first level of the stage. Seating is not reserved, therefore, early arrival is suggested. Ask an usher for the location as you enter the Civic Center.

5. The First Aid staff of the Civic Center will be on duty in the office on the right side of the foyer entrance, just outside the main arena.

6. Caps, gowns, master's hoods, tickets and announcements (quantities are limited) will be distributed at the Graduation Center in The Book Rack November 18-20. **Please note that students who are not able to pick up their graduation items can still pick them up until 2 p.m. on December 18.** Graduation items may be retained by the graduates and need not be returned following the ceremony. **Problems with caps and gowns can be corrected at The Book Rack during normal hours or prior to the ceremony by Book Rack employees at the Civic Center, in Flanders Room #1, near the snack bar to the left of the arena entrances.** Bookstore hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Graduates must pick up the necessary items before 2 p.m. on Friday, December 18.**

\*\*\*Tickets for graduation will be distributed by The Book Rack. Each student will receive 10 guest tickets. **Guests are required to be seated by 2:45 p.m.\*\*\***

Students should not bring personal property, such as coats, cameras, purses, backpacks, etc. to graduation. If necessary, the above items can be left in Flanders Room #1. This room will be locked during the graduation ceremony. It will be unlocked when the ceremony is over. Students may pick up their possessions at that time. SSU will not be responsible for these items; students are therefore encouraged to leave valuables with family or friends.

7. Students will first be awarded degrees by school (e.g., School of Liberal Arts) and will be asked by President Merwin to stand and remain standing until all degrees have been awarded for that school. President Merwin will then signal undergraduates to move the tassel from the right side to the left side of the mortarboard

and then for them to be seated.

8. Then students will individually be awarded their diploma. The faculty marshals will have given each graduate a card containing his/her name and school (e.g., Perdue School of Business). The card is to be handed to the person at the podium, when the graduate reaches the stage, and, at the same time, the graduate is to announce his/her name to the person at the podium, who will then know who the person is and how to pronounce the name correctly. **The name on the card must not be changed for any reason.**

9. During the recessional, graduates and faculty are to return to the area where they assembled prior to the ceremony. They should not stop or congregate in the lobby.

10. A brief reception for graduates and their guests will be held immediately following commencement in the Midway Room of the Civic Center. The reception is sponsored by the SSU Alumni Association, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, you will be official alumni of SSU.

11. Degree candidates who do not plan to participate in the commencement exercises **must notify the registrar's office** by calling 543-6158 no later than Friday, **December 11.** All graduates will receive a blank folder at commencement, and all diplomas will be mailed approximately six weeks after the ceremony. It should be noted that the recognition of graduates and those who will achieve Honors is tentative pending certification of all graduation requirements.

12. Faculty and staff should enter through the Midway Room entrance and line up for the processional at 2:15 p.m. in the Midway Room of the Civic Center. Faculty members are required to attend; those who are unable to do so should inform their respective School Dean.

13. **Bachelor of Science** candidates, with last names beginning with the letter A through the letter L, will report to **Drs. Ed Senkbeil and Lisa Seldomridge.** When you enter the main entrance of the Civic Center, go to the left corridor at the rear, and line up alphabetically along the inside wall, facing East (the rear of the building). You will sit in Section 3 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the side aisle.

**Bachelor of Science** candidates beginning with the letter M through the letter Z, will report to **Drs. Ben Greene and George Rubenson.** When you enter the main entrance of the Civic Center, go to the left corridor and line up alphabetically along the windows, facing West (the front of the building). You will sit in Section 5 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the side aisle.

14. **Bachelor of Arts** candidates will assemble in the South corridor of the Civic Center (to the right as you enter the front doors, on the side nearest the park). Candidates with last names beginning with the letter A through the letter J will report to **Drs. Homer Austin and Edwin Wong** at the rear of the corridor and will line up alphabetically facing East (the rear of the

building). You will sit in Section 4 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the section starting from the side aisle.

**Bachelor of Arts** candidates with last names beginning with the letter K through the letter Z, will also go to the right after you enter the front doors of the Civic Center, but will go to the cross corridor (leading to the Midway Room) and report to **Drs. Gerald St. Martin and Carolyn Bowden.** You will line up alphabetically in that corridor against the wall nearest the rear of the building. You will sit in Section 6 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

15. **Bachelor of Fine Arts** candidates will also go to the right after you enter the front doors of the Civic Center. You will proceed to the cross corridor (leading to the Midway Room) and report to **Dr. Gerald St. Martin.** You will line up alphabetically in that corridor against the wall nearest the front of the building. You will sit in Section 6 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

16. **Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (B.A.S.W.)** candidates will also go to the right after you enter the front doors of the Civic Center. You will proceed to the cross corridor (leading to the Midway Room) and report to **Dr. Gerald St. Martin.** You will line up alphabetically in that corridor against the wall nearest the front of the building. You will sit in Section 6 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

17. **All Master's Degree** candidates (M.A., M.S., M.B.A., M.A.T. and M.Ed.) will enter the Civic Center at the Midway Room front entrance (closest to the park) and report to a faculty marshal in that corridor.

**M.A., M.S. and M.B.A.** candidates will report to **Dr. Steve Gehnrich.** You will line up according to his direction, alphabetically by degree, and will sit in Section 7 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

**M.A.T. and M.Ed.** candidates are to report to **Dr. Edward Crane** and line up alphabetically at his direction. You will also sit in Section 7 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

18. **Dress Code** - Graduation is a formal academic occasion and should be viewed as such in dress and demeanor. The academic robe is black with a "V" neckline and will show part of clothing underneath. The recommended dress, therefore, is similar to what you would wear to a formal interview. Thus, you should be mindful of the following considerations:

1. Dress clothing, preferably black or navy.  
2. Black dress shoes (or some other dark color).

3. The gown should be mid-calf. If a dress is worn, the gown should cover the length of the dress.

4. No visible jewelry. Fraternity or sorority pins/ribbons may be worn; these are academic emblems and are not considered jewelry as such. Kente cloths are permissible as well.

5. No flowers on the academic robe, and no flowers are to be carried.

6. The mortarboard (academic hat) is to be worn with the front point over the forehead below the front hairline, so the flat board is parallel to the floor. (Not worn on the back of the head with the board pointing upward.) **No decoration of any kind is to be placed on the mortarboard.**

7. Honors students will have a gold and white hood. It is to be worn with the gold side out and the white inner lining turned out at the top, over the gold (like a collar). Gold cords would be worn under the honors hood.

8. Candidates for the bachelor's degree should come into the auditorium with the tassel on the right, hanging near the right eye. After the degrees are conferred, the tassel is shifted to the left side. The signal for shifting the tassel will be given by the President (and/or your faculty marshal).

9. Candidates for the master's degree will wear both the robe and hood. Faculty marshals will give you more specific information.

10. Graduates will receive graduation picture information from Chappell Studio, Inc. This information will arrive at your permanent address in the near future.

11. Candidates should not chew gum or tobacco.

12. Candidates should **NOT** have personal belongings in their possession during the commencement ceremony. If necessary, personal items can be left in Flanders Room #1 during the graduation ceremony, when the room will be locked. It will be unlocked when the ceremony is over and students may pick up their possessions at that time. SSU will not be responsible for these items; students are therefore encouraged to leave valuables with family or friends.

### Graduation Decorum

Graduation ceremonies are, by their very nature, festive occasions. The festivity manifests itself in many ways including the dress of the students and faculty adorned in academic regalia and the warmth, joy and satisfaction of accomplishment. The ceremonies are also marked by seriousness where the actual conferring of degrees signifies long hard work on the part of everyone involved: students, faculty, administrators, parents, and spouses. As a consequence of the serious nature of the ceremony, students are expected to maintain a measure of decorum consonant with the occasion. Applause and other recognition of the conferring of degrees should be limited to a joint effort at the conclusion of each graduation group, (e.g., B.S., B.A., etc.).

## Presidents join forces Scam artists target RSO's

Beth Plevyak  
Flyer Staff Writer

An historic agreement was signed last Thursday morning by the five presidents of the public and private colleges and universities on the Eastern Shore, creating the Eastern Shore Association of College (ESAC) Presidents.

The five institutions involved in the agreement are SSU, Chesapeake College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Washington College and Wor-Wic Community College.

This agreement is an attempt to develop inter-institutional strategies to expand educational opportunities for students and to promote the higher education services of the region.

"This agreement will redouble our efforts to provide the citizens of the region with the educational and economic resources necessary for success in the 21st century," said President William C. Merwin.

Together, the presidents are seeking to share and utilize institutional resources, to avoid duplication and to make

full use of specialized faculty talents, programs and research. They also hope to structure solutions to problems that cannot be dealt with effectively by only one institution.

One of the association's top priorities is to survey student and employer interests for upper-level academic programs. More specifically, the association wants to learn what programs business, education and health care employers want for their employees. Once this information is collected, the association will create programs and strategies addressing those needs.

"This association can provide the framework to carry on an on-going dialogue where we can share ideas and develop programs and services to benefit the residents of Maryland's Eastern Shore," said Arnold Maner, president of Wor-Wic Community College.

The presidents will meet four times a year to review educational needs and opportunities in the area.

Dolores Spikes, president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, said, "This is truly a model for the rest of the state and for the nation."

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News Editor

In the past, telephone scams have been constant problems among students, but now scammers are targeting registered student organizations.

Phone companies present themselves to the student groups with fund-raising packages.

"I realize that they are tremendous money makers for student groups, but they have serious ramifications," said John Morris, director of Telecommunications.

Several companies and enterprises have either been present on campus or have been soliciting students over the phone and Internet for phone services, long distance call discounts and voice mail, among others.

While these offers seem to have great benefits in the beginning, they often include additional fees for services for which the University must pay. This adds up to amounts between \$200 and \$600 a month.

Morris advised RSO's not to sign up for such phone services, despite the incentives. In addition, students shouldn't make 800- or 900- number phone calls from their dorm rooms, as these services often have additional fees; the companies also have caller id and will trace your call to the University that receives the bill.

Students with beepers are also advised not to return any unfamiliar pages, for it may be part of a long distance telephone scam.

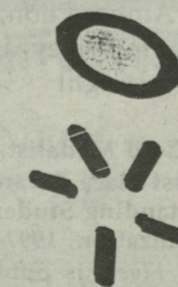
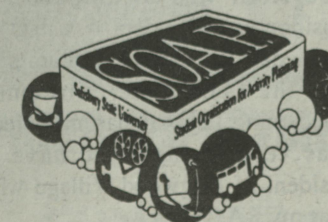
Unfortunately, because these scams are labor intensive and costly for the University, Telecommunications said that they may have to consider blocking 800-/888- numbers from telephones in the dorm rooms.

Another solution may be an increase in the price of residence hall telephone services, in order to cover the costs of the enormous bills produced by these scams. Students who live off-campus should also be aware of telephone scam, for they are targets as well.

# sPRING Semester SOAP Events

Feb. 5,6,7 Practical Magic  
Feb. 6 Comedian Frank Caliendo  
Feb. 12 Live Musical Performance by: The Ike McCoy Band  
Feb. 12, 13, 14 Beloved  
Feb. 21 Hoops for the Homeless  
Feb. 19,20,21 Waterboy  
Feb. 25 Live Musical Performance by: The Word  
Feb. 26,27,28 What Dreams May Come

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March 4 Class Acts II Murder Mystery Party  
March 5 Live Musical Performance by: Michael Kelsey  
March 5,6,7 Apt Pupil  
March 9 Lecture by Mimi Wyche  
March 13 Trip to See Footloose on Broadway  
March 13 Comedian Leighann Lord  
March 12,13,14 Undeclared Irish Movie



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## Giving "props" to dedicated professors

Although student apathy is sometimes a problem at SSU, professors here are committed not only to their positions, but also to having a personal rapport with their students. The professors at SSU offer solid academic support, sound career advice and, in some cases, even give distressed students emotional support.

The size of SSU's campus gives professors and students the opportunity to become better acquainted both inside and outside the classroom setting. Because SSU's classroom sizes are small, especially in upper level major classes, professors are able to give students more personal attention.

On campus, professors can often be seen chatting with students between classes and taking time in the hallways to greet both previous and current students. Friendly gestures such as these are rare at larger schools, where there is often a distance between students and faculty.

Another way that professors participate in campus life is by attending sporting events. In fact, many professors give up their leisure time, something

most students do not even do, to display their spirit for this school. The irony is that professors, like students, have many other obligations aside from school, yet they still sit on the bleachers, cheering for our teams when there are hardly any students to be found.

Students who are involved with performance activities, such as theatre productions or music recitals, can often spot several devoted faculty members in their audiences. These professors have taken the time to get to know their students, realizing that these performances are often important facets of their students' lives.

In addition to their participation in campus life, many professors can be seen around the community, with their off-campus activities ranging from having a beer with students during happy hour to actively working on the Camden Compact to assist students with positive neighborhood relations.

Most importantly, professors serve a vital role in students' lives by being personal advisors to them. While most students are assigned an advisor upon their entrance to SSU, some decide

to select a new mentor.

Many times students change advisors because another professor has inspired them, perhaps in a class that the student might have taken. These teachers often strike a chord within a particular student, and thus a positive advising relationship is able to develop. Even if these professors are not students' formal academic advisors, many teachers are more than willing to take time out to counsel both past and present students on matters ranging from personal to academic affairs.

With nearly 100 student organizations, many professors serve as advisors to the groups. It's not unusual to see a professor with the same amount of enthusiasm as the students within these organizations.

The dedicated professors at this University play many roles, including advisors, teachers, cheerleaders, counselors, parents away from home, but most of all, our friends. It is time that the campus community gives them the respect and recognition that so many of them deserve.

## Student tributes dismissed RA

To the editor:

Approximately two weeks ago, Lee Roth was dismissed from his position as a Resident Assistant (RA) in Dogwood Village. While I am not aware of the complete circumstances concerning Lee's departure, I feel that I was very fortunate to have been a resident of Dogwood Village while Lee was my RA.

Lee Roth is a shining example of the best SSU has to offer. His genial personality, genuine sincerity and flawless character are examples to me of a true student leader, whom I think represents SSU in our finest tradition.

Dogwood Village will sorely miss Lee, and I think that I can speak for all 140 residents when I say that he was truly an outstanding RA, leader and friend to all.

Michael Anderson  
SSU Sophomore

The staff of *The Flyer* would like to extend its congratulations and farewells to the December graduates and those who will be leaving their positions at the paper.


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## SOAP announces spring schedule

Emily Nock  
Flyer Staff Writer

SOAP activities for the 1999 semester have finally been selected. A variety of acts have been set up from comedians to a Murder Mystery Party.

Events will start off in February with comedian Frank Carienaro performing on the 6th at the Crossroads Pub. Then, on the 12th, the Ike McCoy Band, from Pittsburgh, will play. This is expected to be a big show due to the band's "impressive history."

The next event will be Hoops for the Homeless, a basketball tournament held to raise money for a local shelter. The tournament will be held in Maggs Gym on the 21st. All are encouraged to participate.

Finishing up in February will be another band in the Crossroads. The Word, a R&B/Pop/Hip Hop group from Atlanta, Ga. will perform on the 24th. The band is designed to send out messages promoting racial, social and personal harmony.

On March 4th, the Class Acts II Murder Mystery Party will be held in the Crossroads by the Susan Rogers' company. Other events for the month include Michael Kelsey playing acoustic guitar on the 5th and a trip to New York City to see the Broadway play *Footloose*

on the 13th. A lecture on eating disorders entitled "Eaten Alive" will also be held on the 9th, and comedian Leigham S. Lord will be performing in the Crossroads.

April starts off with comedian John Bizarre on the 9th. Then comes W.C. Pope, a caricature artist. Pope will be in the Quad on the 10th. This event will serve to represent SOAP during Greek Week.

On the 24th, a trip to Six Flags Great Escape, in New Jersey, will be held. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and will return to SSU at 12 a.m. Then on the 27th, a lecture will be held by Barry Drake on 80s rock.

The 28th will have Dan Kamin performing "Slick Moves" at the Crossroads. This show will consist of physical improvisation, comedy and an illusionist routine. Kamin's performance will be followed the next day by country line dancing. Lessons will be given by Billy Jones and snack and sodas will be served.

April comes to an end with My Scarlet Life playing in the Crossroads on the 30th. This is a four-piece band from Chicago. The band consists of a mixture of techno and Gothic music. Their sound is called "typnotics," hip-hop, erotic, trippy synth rock with guitars and drums, and has been called "one of the most

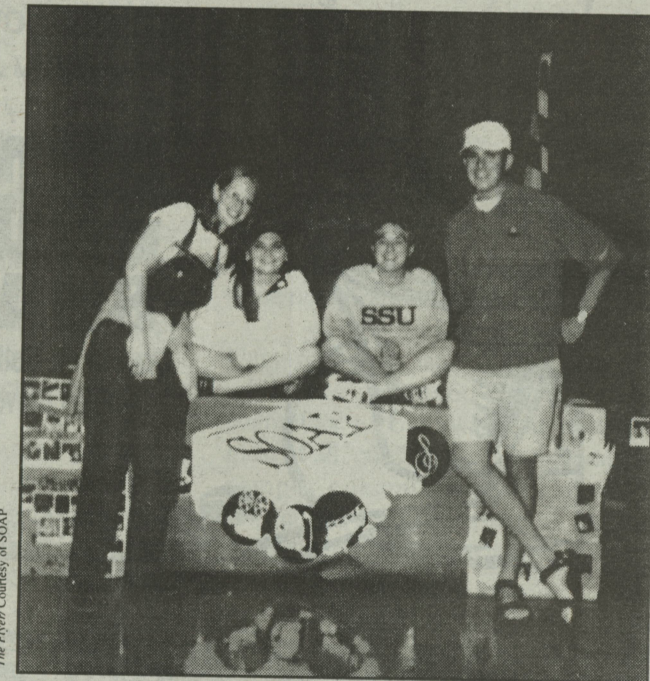
sensuous shows you'll ever encounter."

Two events will then be held in May, both on the 1st. The first of these is the Cyberfest, a virtual reality arcade that will be held as part of Gullapalooza in the Intramural Fields. Then in the evening, it is comedian Ben Bailey at the Crossroads.

In addition to these events, several movies will be held during the semester. These include *Practical Magic*, *Beloved*, *The Waterboy* and *What Dreams May Come* in February; *Apt Pupil*, and *In the Name of the Father* in March; *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*, *A Bug's Life* and *Enemy of the State* in April and *A Civil Action* and *Ghostbusters* in May.

All showings will be in the Caruthers Hall Auditorium. However, there is a possibility that those movies SOAP supplies SSU students with various kinds of activities.

attracting larger crowds will be held in Holloway Hall. This will be announced later.



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Dates and times, as well as other possible events will be announced. For questions or comments regarding these scheduled events, contact the SOAP office on the first floor of the Guerrieri University Center.

## December grads prepare for future

Dana Cassidy  
Flyer Staff Writer

It's almost here. That's right, for a lucky few, graduation is December 20. Are these graduates to be pitied or congratulated? The answer may be unclear. For some students, graduation means the beginnings of their first ulcer. Others just can't wait to get out there and make some moolah.

For those that began the job search six months ago and don't have to move back to mom and dad's, life is good. They welcome this new phase of their life.

Mindy Fennemore, 21, an education major, is one of those students who is both prepared for and looking forward to graduation. She has already landed a job with the Delaware school system, and she is looking forward to the future. She attributes her success to

effective time management. That is why she was able to juggle 19 credits each semester, field hockey, a social life, and she is now graduating a semester early.

Regarding her future, Fennemore said, "I'm excited! I just got a job! I'll be teaching the students of my favorite teacher." [She is taking over the teacher's position.] Fennemore has even more reason to celebrate, because she begins her teaching career on December 14. Fennemore attributed another part of her success to SSU. "The education department here is extremely concerned with professionalism and the quality of teacher it turns out," she said.

Although SSU is concerned about the welfare of their students as a whole, Career Services takes a special interest in students' future plans. Dr. Rebecca Emery and Gloria Horner said more students come in for job information rather than graduate school

information. They also said that they review well over 100 resumes a month, sometimes up to 200.

According to Horner and Emery, the most aggressively recruited students will be receiving degrees in accounting and computers. They said that the student who begins his job search early generally has to choose between job offers. Starting salaries are in the mid-20's and up.

The advice from Career Services is to be the job search six months before graduation and to be flexible. They said 60-70% of employers look for students from all majors.

Craig Malvetti, 23, hails from Port Jefferson, NY and will be graduating this month. He takes the more laid-back approach to his future. Armed with a B.A. in Liberal Studies, he plans to head back home after graduation and said he will miss his friends the most.

When asked what his future plans are, he said, "I'd really like to be a movie star!"

Andrew Henderson, 22, will graduate with a B.A. in English and aspires to be a technical writer. He is in the process of nailing down his first job, as he begins phase one of his career, but he said, "My biggest fear about graduation is getting a job and making money."

Is it fair to say that most people share Henderson's fear? Probably. Being prepared is the best insurance one can have. According to Job Choices 1999, "one of those wonderful resources available is Career Services. "Job hunting is challenging, so learn the process. Visit your career center. Read books, attend workshops and seminars on the job search, resume writing and interviewing. Volunteering, doing

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## Who's Who AT SSU?

### Spectacular Student: Brian Bronson

A weekly look at SSU's excellent academics

Erin Riesner  
Flyer Staff Writer

Brian Bronson, a leader in student activities, contributes to the SSU campus life in many ways. Bronson has been a student here for four years and plans to graduate in December of 1999. He is from Laurel, Md., and attended Meade High School. In high school he was a member of the R.O.T.C. and the Black Student Union.

Bronson is currently majoring in business with a dual concentration in marketing and management. Bronson said that his motivation for school and studies is "to learn as much information as I can and to relate it to the community and to be able to utilize it in the future." After graduation Bronson plans to attend graduate school, possibly Howard University in Philadelphia, in order to

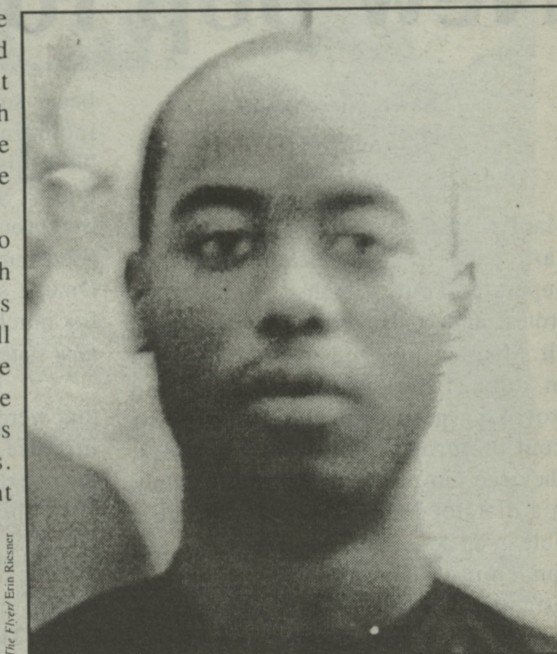
gain a degree in African American Studies. He said that he eventually hopes "to have my own business or maybe become a professor."

Bronson is president of the African American Historical and Philosophical Society. He is also a member of both the NAACP and the UAS. In fact, he was previously the president of the NAACP and former treasurer of the UAS. This is Bronson's first year as an RA in St. Martins dorm. He enjoys being an RA because, he said, that it has given him "an opportunity to speak with people outside of my community." Being an RA also helping him to learn how to communicate cross-culturally. It has given him a chance to learn from his residents and has also given them a chance to learn from him.

Bronson lives in a suite with his

younger brother, sophomore Bradley Bronson. Bronson said that although it is a lot of fun, it is kind of difficult living with Bradley, because playing the older brother gets tiring and he hates babysitting.

Bronson is also coordinator of Kwanzaa which will be held in The Commons next Wednesday at 7:30. It will be a celebration honoring heritage and information will be available for anyone who does not know what Kwanzaa is. There will be many different types of cultural expressions, poetry, and information on African Americans at this ceremony.



Brian Bronson is a fine example of an involved leader.



### Spotlight on Bart Talbert

Emily Nock  
Flyer Staff Writer

Thirteen years ago, Bart Talbert walked across the stage of SSU. Then, he was graduating and planning to attend the University of Alabama, where he would receive his PhD. Little did he know that 1994 would have him returning to SSU. Except, this time, Talbert would not be returning as a student. Instead, he returned as Dr. Talbert, a military and political historian and professor.

While at SSU, Talbert has achieved much. Though he claims his two children are the greatest of his accomplishments, he is also the author of *The South's First Casualty*. This book has already sold over 25 hundred copies and is about to go into its second printing.

Recently, Talbert was asked to the Globe Theatre in Berlin, Md. to give a speech to the Friends of the Berlin Library on



Bart Talbert believes there is more to teaching than lecturing.

the book. A book signing was also held, and several copies were donated to local libraries.

An article by Talbert, "Patriot or Egomaniac: The Career of Rear-Admiral Charles Wilkes, USN," was also published in the *Columbiad* has some of "the biggest names in the history world."

Talbert has also traveled to both South Carolina and Cumberland, Md. The trip was taken to present a paper, "The Succession Crisis in the Border States," at the University of South Carolina. In Cumberland, he was the guest of the regional historical society, and he participated in a day long program help by the society. During this time, he presented copies of the Great Seal of Maryland to local schools, and he spoke with students.

Another of Talbert's great achievements, one that he considers a spiritual one, has been the help he is able to give his students in obtaining jobs, entrances to grad schools and scholarships. One of his students was able to get a scholarship for all five years needed to gain his PhD. This is what Talbert perceives as one of the most rewarding of his experiences.

Talbert attributes his success to Ray Thompson, chairman of the history department, and to Sarah Sharbach, history professor. "It was people like that who really helped me along. I feel privileged to now be associated with people associated with people like Ray

Thompson and Sarah Sharbach. They were my mentors," Talbert commented.

Although Talbert never intended to become a professor, he has no regrets about the decision. In fact, he

claims to have found it very "spiritual." "People forget what we are. Really we're philosophers. Why have just a teacher? I give life to the subject and turn people on to it," concluded Talbert.

### Spotlight on Ronald Dotterer

Amber Pilon  
Flyer Staff Writer

Lately, with the help of the Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, Ronald L. Dotterer, SSU is gathering good press like a still stone gathers moss.

Traveling from Arizona to Illinois, Dotterer is encouraging educational emphasis on arts and sciences as well as positively representing the SSU campus.

Dotterer was recently a two-time presenter for the annual meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences in Tempe, AZ.

Drawing from his experience as a member of the Board of Governors for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Dotterer was a panelist for the session called "Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity: An Educational Force in the New Millennium."

His other point of participation was in the "Colleges Working Together to Maintain the Health of the Arts and

Sciences" discussion.

The council for which Dotterer presented is a nationwide association of colleges and universities whose purpose is to assure that the arts and sciences remain the primary influence in America's higher education system.

Over the years, the Council's crowd has grown to over 500-600 administrators of institutions from all 50 states. This year, however, attracted representatives from Canada, France and Great Britain.

In addition to the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences meeting, Dotterer also journeyed to Chicago, IL for the National Collegiate Honors Council's annual conference. There, he taught the "Beginning in Honors" workshop. It was his thirteenth consecutive year of participation in the convention.

Dotterer also played a major role in SSU's April '98 hosting of NCUR. He was both campus coordinator and host to the conference, which attracted over 2,000 students and faculty from 270 colleges and universities nationwide.







# Senioritis attacks unsuspecting students as semester ends

Kate Montero  
Features Editor

College. Everyone enters its institution with eager ambitions and fresh minds. And then, something begins to happen. The motivation that once compelled you to pull all-nighters and form study groups has suddenly eluded you. "I don't want to work, I want to party!"

Suddenly, it's like an invasion of your mind. Laziness takes over motivation, and suddenly cleaning your room becomes an extremely fun alternative to doing your suggested reading. What's going on?

Just chalk this scenario up to Senioritis. Like it or not, it plagues the best of us - forcing conscientious students to turn on their studies and pick up a beer or head to a party.

After spending the first 20 or so years of your life in uncomfortable chairs, listening to professors explain their views on seemingly foreign terms, the college senior is altogether susceptible to being overtaken by this

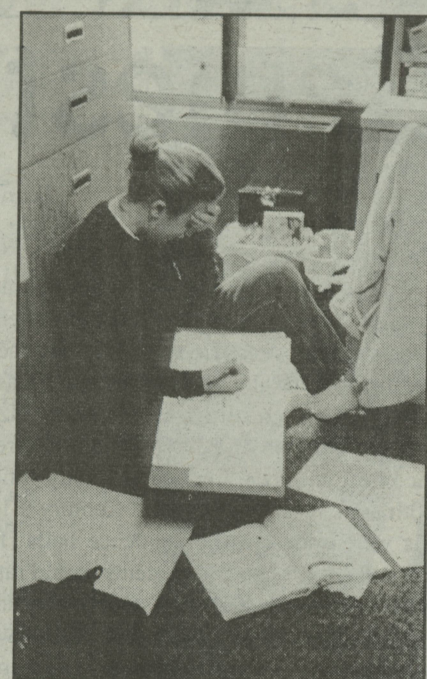
bug labeled Senioritis.

I had heard this term passed around during high school, but at that tender young age, I was naive as to its true powers. Now a senior in college, that term has become my savior - what a great excuse for being lazy! But maybe it's more than that.

After researching the term Senioritis on the Internet (and it's amazing I found the motivation to research), it turns out that many students are afflicted by having senior status. We're not alone, and maybe it should be considered more than a great excuse since so many seniors are troubled by it. Could it be some chemical imbalance? (Okay, maybe that's going a little too far.)

Anyway, my aim is to show other frustrated seniors that they are not alone in their feeble attempts to finish those final semesters. There are many of us ready to throw off the confining conformity that the classroom represents. Graduation is here for some seniors and just around the corner for others, and I fervently believe that the famed

graduation cap and gown will help us to shed Senioritis syndrome.



Watch out seniors! The near fatal bug called senioritis is contagious and heading your way.

## Graduation

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internships and working at temporary jobs can all give you valuable experience and often lead to that first paid position."

Many December graduates have already done their homework and are excited about their prospects. They'll be the ones with huge grins on their faces at graduation.

The 525 members of the Fall 1998 graduating class will be receiving their degrees on Sunday, December 20 at 3 pm in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Wendell Holloway, a member of the University of Maryland System Board of Regents. Also speaking will be President Merwin and Chancellor Donald Langenberg. The student speaker will be Brian Sydnor and the vocalist will be Beth Holder. Immediately following the ceremony will be a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Congratulations and good luck to all December graduates. SSU wishes you well.

# Top 10 domestic reasons to shop at Thirsty's

Kenna Brigham  
Special to The Flyer

Thirsty's is not your typical convenience store where customers walk into the store, nod their heads at the employee behind the counter, move toward the beer case and then walk back up to the counter to pay. Thirsty's, a seven year resident at the corner of Route 13 and College Avenue, is an experience all of its own. Much like the television show, Cheers, Thirsty's is a place where "everybody knows your name," or at least recognizes you to the point that they know what kind of beer you typically buy. The all male cast of employees that runs Thirsty's has a distinct friendliness about them, and customers can't help but stop and talk. Some customers even yell conversations over the tops of isles while picking up their purchases, consisting mainly of beer, cigarettes and munchies.

Matt Weeks, a 24-year-old Thirsty's employee said, "We're pretty friendly with the customers. They like to come here because they are known." The Thirsty's crew of employees consists of John, Reggie, Joe, Ron, Chad, Matt and Wally, and each takes care of his customers, which keeps the patrons coming back. John Simon, manager of Thirsty's, gears his beer prices toward Salisbury's college-aged population. "We're college oriented. [Most of] the employees are college students, so they can relate to the customers." John, a 1996 SSU alum, asks himself a question before he puts a price tag on the various beers in the store, "What price on what beer would [induce] the college students to come in?"

Chad Weiner, a 21-year-old SSU senior, has worked at Thirsty's for eight months. He knows what his customers like and ranked Thirsty's top 10 domestic beers in a matter of seconds, as they relate to the store's sales of each particular beer.

### Number One: Natural Light

Twenty-one year old employee Ron Sisk said that Natural Light is the top seller at Thirsty's because, simply, "It's cheap." An SSU Senior from Jerome, Pa., Wally Miller, added, "It is quality and quantity at a cost-effective price." Joe Sewell, a 27-year-old, two year employee of Thirsty's, said, "It's a



Friendly Thirsty's employee Matt Weeks stands in front of SSU's #1 choice for beer.

college town, and [Natural Light] is all that college kids drink." Natural Light ranges from \$2.69 for six-seven ounce bottles to 24-12 ounce cans for \$7.99.

### Number Two: Miller Lite

SSU Junior Ashley Cook prefers to drink Miller Lite. She said, "It's light and I like the taste." She also added that she liked the service she received at Thirsty's and pointed out "the excellent people who work there." Chad explained that Miller Lite is a beer typically drank in bars and, although Natural Light is cheaper, customers become accustomed to the taste of Miller Lite at the bars, so they purchase Miller Lite rather than Natural Light, unless they are only looking to buy the cheapest beer. Customers can expect to pay anywhere between \$3.19 for six-seven ounce bottles to \$7.49 for 12-12 ounce bottles.

### Number Three: Budweiser

Matt, an SSU senior from Moorestown, N.J. and 11-month employee of Thirsty's, said that Budweiser is a popular beer because customers are familiar with the name. Through advertising, Budweiser is able to create a demand for its product. Ron, originally from Annapolis, Md., agreed with Matt and said that Budweiser draws a blue collar clientele. Thirsty's offers Budweiser in seven different sizes, ranging from \$3.19 for six-seven ounce bottles to \$12.99 for 24-12 ounce cans.

### Number Four: Coors Light

Coors Light doesn't have a strong beer taste, and it is a favorite among women, according to Matt. "You don't find many men buying [Coors Light], except for their wives." Coors Light, much like Budweiser, is offered in

a wide variety of sizes. Four-16 ounce "The Pound" bottles costs \$3.89 and 18-12 ounce cans costs \$10.49.

### Number Five: Milwaukee's Best

Milwaukee's Best is not the beer most people would buy to take home so that they could enjoy a glass in front of the fireplace, because it is not the tastiest beer out of the bunch. Milwaukee's Best is typically purchased in large quantities for parties, because it is cheap. Customers don't buy this beer for its taste, they buy it for its price, which ranges from \$4.49 for 12-12 ounce cans to \$7.99 for 24-12 ounce cans. Thirsty's also offers a 32-ounce bottle for \$1.59.

### Number Six: Bud Light

Matt said that Bud Light is "your typical light beer; sales fluctuate with the price." Joe explained that customers drink Bud Light if they don't want to get drunk. "It's lighter, not as strong a beer." The cost of Bud Light varies from \$4.69 for six-12 ounce cans to four packs of six-12 ounce bottles for \$15.96.

### Number Seven: Colt 45

A malt liquor, Colt 45, is a lot more potent when compared to other beers. According to Derrick Peterson, a 37-year-old Thirsty's customer from Philadelphia, Pa., malt liquor is "a little stronger than regular beer, and it definitely has more kick." Thirsty's prices Colt 45 at \$7.49 for 15-12 ounce cans and \$2.09 for a 32-ounce Big Mouth bottle.

### Number Eight: Michelob

Matt had a hard time explaining Michelob. "It's one of those things, when you taste it, you know." He

continued, "It's like trying to decipher between Pepsi and Sprite." However, he gave Michelob his stamp of approval. "I think it's good. It tastes good." Michelob can be purchased for anywhere between \$4.29 for six-12 ounce bottles and \$7.49 for 12-12 ounce bottles.

### Number Nine: Miller Genuine Draft

Miller Genuine Draft (MGD) is the closest domestic beer manufacturers have come to putting a draft beer in a bottle, according to Wally. For \$3.19 customers can buy six-seven ounce bottles of MGD and for \$7.49 they can buy 12-12 ounce bottles.

### Number Ten: Icehouse

"[Icehouse has] power to it. It has a little kick," said Matt. Wally explained that Icehouse is cold filtered and ice brewed, which allows more alcohol to stay in the beer. Customers purchase Icehouse simply because it has a higher alcohol content than other domestic beer. Icehouse ranges from \$4.70 for six-12 ounce bottles to \$7.49 for 12-12 ounce bottles.

Just in case the question arose, Schmidts is the least popular domestic beer sold at Thirsty's, and Corona is the top selling import found in the convenience store. Along with its 37 types of domestic beers, Thirsty's stocks a number of microbrews, including Pete's Wicked Ale, Samuel Adams, J.W. Dundee's Honey Brown lager and Saranac.

Along with their domestic and import beer, Thirsty's also sells a variety of other products, including ice cream, fountain drinks, chap stick, Maryland Lottery tickets and a plethora of other random items one may want to purchase in a convenience store. Thirsty's is open from 6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday. Come in and try one or two or nine of its top 10 domestic beers, or just come in to enjoy the company of the fabulous employees behind the counter. They have a great sense of humor. One said, "There are big strong hunks that work here." Chad added, "People don't just buy beer here. It's a respect thing. It's like a circuit. We have friends who tell their friends to come here."

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# Best buys of the holiday season

Amber Pilon  
Flyer Staff Writer

Everyone has gotten sucked into the grab bag thing at one point or another. Don't know what to buy? Here's some of this year's (or any year's) best suggestions for around \$30!

Want to get that special someone some perfume? Sears has some great sales on gift sets and is, for some items, offering free gifts! For instance, a Mini Cologne Spray, Shower Gel and Body Lotion gift set for \$14.95 also comes with three free scented soaps. For the guys, a 1.7 oz Eau de Toilette Spray of Drakkar Noir for \$33.50 comes with a free black sports bag. The same size of a Perry Ellis 360 degrees Cologne Spray for \$34 comes with a free backpack. Also, a free hurricane lamp is the reward with the purchase of \$40 or more in fragrances.

Radio Shack's Salisbury staff said that a rotating red light is one of their hottest sellers. It's only \$29.99. The hand held fishing games, for \$14.99, are selling like hotcakes, too. Also popular are the indoor/outdoor thermometers for \$15.

Roll-neck sweaters for \$34 are just one portion of the latest Gap line for this Christmas season. The store is also selling a lot of fleece tops and "skater shirts" for \$24. Jennifer, a Gap employee, recommended

the \$29.99 carpenter jeans or corduroy pants because "they are truly quality items."

American Eagle Outfitters is selling button-down, flannel shirts at two for \$32.

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For the reader in everyone, B Dalton offers Stephen King's latest thriller "Bag of Bones" for under \$25 and the children's book "Polar Express" by Chris Vanallsburg for \$16. For the writer, B Dalton's journals range in prices from \$8.95-18.95.

Candles can be the perfect gift for any style-conscious gal or guy. Salisbury's Pier I Imports has a large selection of various sizes and scents. Their grandest candles, with three wicks, cost only about \$25.

Gift certificates are great pick-your-own-price, neutral gifts. Clothing stores, such as the Gap, sell them starting at \$10. Restaurant certificates can be used by anyone. The Olive Garden vends them in increments of \$5 and \$10.

Blockbuster has giftcards starting at \$5, and also has special \$25 cards featuring four different

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Take heart, SSUers! There's a sale in every store. Hopefully, the aforementioned items will help students purchase for those hard-to-buy-for individuals!



## Christmas: The spirit behind the celebration

Amber Pilon  
Flyer Staff Writer

Christmas is not only the celebration of Christ's birth and gift giving, but is also the observance of a plethora of odd traditions.

One recognizable symbol of this holiday is the Christmas tree. Many tales exist explaining its origin. One is that Martin Luther, father of the Protestant faith, erected an evergreen in his house and decorated it with candles to recreate the beauty of the stars glittering through a woods' treetops.

Another story is of Saint Boniface, an English monk. Boniface, so the story goes, found a group of pagans circled around an oak tree to sacrifice a child to the god Thor. To stop them, he knocked down the oak with one punch. In its place grew a small fir tree, which Boniface said was the Tree of Life, symbolizing Christ.

Some speak of a poor woodsman who found a lost and hungry child on Christmas Eve. After giving the child food and shelter for the night, the woodsman woke the following morning to find a glittering tree outside his door. The lost child was really Christ in disguise and the tree was his present to

the woodsman for his generosity.

The most believable of these legends is that of the "Paradise Play." This play of Creation and the demise of Adam and Eve was

performed annually on December 24. Since it was during the winter, an apple tree could not be used for the Adam and Eve scenes. Thus, evergreens were used in substitution, and apples were hung from them.

The custom of decking the tree with fruits was popularized by England's Prince Albert, husband of the famous Queen Victoria. The first Christmas tree was at his Windsor castle in 1841. Charles Dickens later described the trees of that era as being adorned with "dolls, miniature furniture, tiny musical instruments, costume jewelry, toy guns and swords, fruit and candy."

Though America's first Christmas tree was displayed by German settlers in Pennsylvania in the 1830s, the trees didn't gain popularity until the 1890's. Americans decorated with homemade ornaments, apples, nuts and marzipan cookies. Popcorn was later dyed bright colors and used for stringing. In place of angels, faeries were mounted on the branches, along with horns and bells, to ward off evil spirits.

Polish trees use many birds and stars. The Danish like tiny Danish flags, bells, stars, snowflakes and hearts. Swedish celebrate with painted wooden ornaments and straw figures of animals and children. The Japanese hang fans and paper lanterns. Lithuanians use straw bird cages, geometric shapes and stars. Czechoslovakians display painted egg shells.

Ukrainians cover their boughs with spider webs for luck in the coming year. This tradition came from the story of a poor Ukrainian woman, who couldn't decorate her child's tree. However, on Christmas morning, she woke to see the branches woven with the beautiful webs, turned silver by the sun.

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# Dana's PSA for the semester

Dana Cassidy  
Flyer Staff Writer

New Year's resolutions are right around the corner. Have you started thinking about yours? I have, and I'm afraid. Why? Because I've resolved to quit smoking. AGAIN!

Why do I want to quit, you may ask. Well, for all of the non-smokers, it's a no-brainer. However, for all of you nicotine addicts like me out there, you know it's going to be hell, and you wonder why I'd want to put myself through that torture. Well, let me break it down for you...

1. At this very moment, I am smoking and coughing at the same time, because, for the third time this year, I have bronchitis. 2. In February, I will be 25, and that means I will have been smoking for eight years. 3. I now wear lip liner on an almost daily basis, because I am paranoid about the fine lines creeping around my mouth from my "smoker's pucker." 4. I smell like an ashtray constantly, and I feel really bad every time I walk into my PR class fresh from smoking a cigarette, and everyone around me has to smell my pleasant odor. 5. I had my teeth bleached a few years ago, and you'd never know it. 6. I spend around \$80 a month in cigarettes and packs of gum to try to mask my smoker's breath in vain. (You know, I could be spending that money on a pedicure and a facial each month!) 7. And to top it all off...the price of a pack of cigarettes was just raised, and I found myself paying \$3.17 for a pack over the weekend! AAAUGH!

Now I know, maybe this shouldn't be my forum for "Dana rhetoric," but, editors permitting, I'm gonna take a chance. I did a research paper on nicotine in Dr. Nan Hayes' mass media class last semester. Bridget McNeil, Michelle Mundo and I researched our butts off (no pun intended) and found out some really scary facts about smoking. Such as...

1. The Federal Drug Administration re-declared nicotine as a drug in 1995. 2. It is estimated that in cigarette smoke, the concentration of carbon monoxide is between 400 and 800 times greater than the level considered safe by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 3. The addicting power of nicotine has been compared to heroin, alcohol and cocaine addiction. 4. Nicotine affects the sympathetic and parasympathetic divisions of the autonomic nervous system simultaneously. 5. The earlier a person begins smoking, the harder it is to quit, and the withdrawal symptoms are more severe. 6. Smoking withdrawal symptoms can include sweating or rapid

pulse, increased hand tremor, insomnia, nausea or vomiting, physical agitation, anxiety, difficulty concentrating, muscle pains, anger, depression and transient visual, tactile or auditory hallucinations or illusions.

Geesh, doesn't that just make all of you smokers want to quit right now? Probably not, because we're addicted, whether we choose to admit it or not.

That's why quitting is such a major decision for me. Actually, it is a life altering decision for me - literally! Last time I quit, I cried for three days straight and then proceeded to gain 30 lbs. before lighting up again.

For many SSU students, this semester was their first experience away from home, their first experience with binge drinking and their first experience with smoking. Ladies and gentlemen, if you just began smoking, PLEASE try to quit while you're home for winter break! Most of you still have to hide it from your parents anyhow. So just make it easy on yourself while you're away from all that PEER PRESSURE. I know, we're all in college, and we're supposed to be young adults finding ourselves, and we're STRONG; we would NEVER succumb to peer pressure! (Yeah, right.)

True, we live in Maryland, the heart of tobacco country, and I know you want to support your local economy, but for heaven's sake, just eat chicken instead. You're a lot less likely to get cancer that way.

Let's be realistic here, do we really want to be a society of *South Park* Ned's by the year 2030? You may think that's a long way off, but when you're 50, and you've just started making \$100,000 a year, and you've finally got those ungrateful kids out of the house, do you really want to be on chemotherapy and be told that you have an inoperable, metastatic, malignant tumor on your lungs? Or what about emphysema? That's always fun! Personally, I'd rather be in my Jaguar driving to my beautiful chalet in Aspen to ski for two weeks at a time, just because I can.

Hey guys, did you hear? Smoking makes you impotent! And forget about taking Viagra; it won't help, because the blood flow in your lower anatomy will be so impaired, that it won't work! And ladies, did you hear? A

nursing mother that smokes passes milk that tastes like an ashtray to her baby - yummy! This may be just me, but if I was a baby, and that was the only way I could eat, and it tasted

like s---, I wouldn't be too happy. My desire to quit smoking is helped along by my dear mother. She and my father are thinking it's close to grandchild time, and my mother said to me point blank, "I refuse to have my grandchildren grow up in a toxic, smoke-filled environment!" Thanks Mom.

Ladies, I know, if you quit smoking, you'll gain weight. Been there, done that. But have you ever noticed, the truly beautiful women are the ones that don't smoke? Is the smoking Kate Moss really you're idea of beautiful?



Guys, I know you don't worry about the gaining weight part as much as women. Hell, you're guys! You have more testosterone and faster metabolisms, so no excuses. And I'll say it again, it makes you IMPOTENT! (And sooner than you may think!)

Yes, I realize that the physical and emotional dependence of smoking are virtually inseparable, but that is why I am arming myself ahead of time to quit. Quitting won't be easy, but I'm determined. I am already preparing myself by setting a quit date; I've vowed not to shove food into my mouth every time I want to light up; I've already got my prescription for Zyban filled, and I'm trying to lose a little weight before D-day.

True, I didn't participate in the Great American Smokeout in November, but my New Year's resolution will hopefully be a chance to redeem myself. If you know me, and you see me walking around campus with a cigarette in my mouth in a moment of weakness, call me on it; I deserve it! Or if I ask for just one drag of your cigarette, refuse. I need your help! I'll be back to take winter classes in January. I may not be happy when I return, but you better believe I'll be smoke free!

## Tis the season

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Germans use spider webs as well. In earlier times, families felt that animals should participate in the Christmas celebrations and, thus, allowed them to come inside their house to view the decorations. However, spiders were never invited to join in the fun. Myth has it that the spiders were hurt over this and complained to the Christ Child, who decided to sneak them in late at night. The spiders loved the tree and crawled about its branches all night, leaving cobwebs everywhere. Christ turned the webs into tinsel, much to the delight of the families, and the spiders were included every year after that.

As well as tinsel, many other items have an interesting past. Mistletoe was used in sacrifices by the Druids and as a healing herb by the Celts. The custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe came from the Scandinavian myth about the goddess of love, Frigga. Frigga was delighted over her son's escape from death and, as she stood beneath the mistletoe, insisted on kissing every passerby. It was the English, however, that created the "kissing ball," under

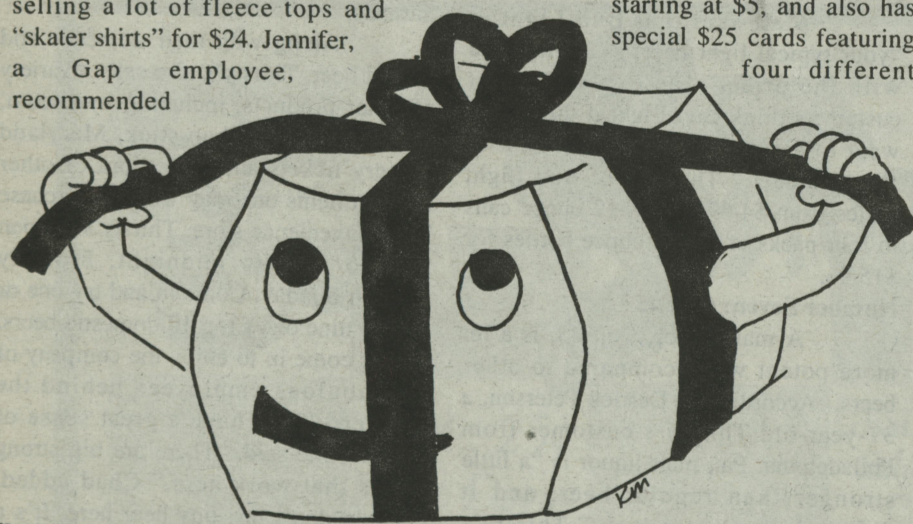
which a young lady must be kissed, lest her chances of marrying in the coming year be ruined.

Holly has many uses. It is said to frighten witches, protect a home from frightening thunder and lightning and settle arguments that are held underneath it. The English once put holly sprigs around their beehives, as bees were thought to hum in Jesus' honor. They also checked the holly leaves annually to determine who would rule the roost in the coming year. Smooth leaves, or "she holly," meant that the woman was in charge. Prickly leaves, or "he holly," were in favor of the men.

Rosemary, now a popular Christmas seasoning, was scattered on medieval floors to produce a pleasant aroma as people walked on it. One story states that Mary laid Christ's clothes on rosemary branches.

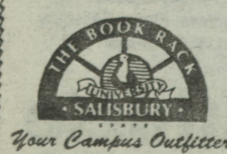
The poinsettia comes from Mexico. These plants were named poinsettias after America's first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Pinsett. He brought the plants to America in 1828. At that time, Mexicans thought that the plant represented the Christmas star. One

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# Christmas is here, but where did it come from?

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common misconception about poinsettias is that the red leaves are flower petals. The real flower is small and yellow, and is just surrounded by the large red leaves.

The legend behind poinsettias tells of a sister and brother, Maria and Pablo. They were poor and had no presents to place at the village church's manger scene. On their way to the service, they picked some weeds to give to the Baby Jesus. As they arranged the weeds, the leaves turned red and became today's poinsettias.

A similar story exists for the Christmas rose, which is white with pink tips. A young shepherdess named Madelon saw the procession of gifts to the manger and cried for she had no gifts. Then an angel, wanting to provide Madelon with a gift, brushed away the snow, revealing the Christmas rose.

As well as retelling the legends surrounding certain Christmas symbols, some people question their true origins. One example is the Christmas star. The story explains that the three wise men found the baby Jesus in Bethlehem by following the Christmas star. However, today's astronomers cannot locate a bright, new star anywhere near the time of the birth. There were also no comets, meteors or shooting stars. Some suggest that if Jesus' birthdate was recorded wrong, and the true date was in the spring of 6 B.C., the Christmas star could've just been the union of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces.

Much controversy still exists over Christ's true birthdate. Some sources say that if the shepherds were really "keeping watch over their flocks by night," as the Bible suggests, it would've been spring and not winter. This is because, in Palestine, all sheep were penned on

winter nights. There are rumors, too, that the wise men did not visit Christ in the manger, but journeyed to his house two years later when he was a toddler. On top of that, most versions of Christ's birth tell of three wise men, while St. Augustine and St. Chrysostom said there were 12. Also, some hold that Christ was not born in a manger, but in a hillside cave, where livestock was usually held.

Out of all Christmas symbols, Santa Claus is, by far, the most established. Many people already know that Santa evolved from Saint Nicholas. Nicholas was born in the Middle East in a town called Lycia, which is about 350 miles northwest of Bethlehem.

Nicholas' fame began with him helping three young sisters who had no money for the dowries they needed to marry. When the first and second girls found suitors, Nicholas tossed a bag of gold in the window for each one. When the third daughter was ready, her father became suspicious and waited for Nicholas' arrival. To avoid the father's eyes, Nicholas climbed onto the roof and dropped the bag down the chimney, where it landed in a stocking hung by the fireside to dry. The father saw this deed, and spread the word. Thus, whenever anyone received an unexpected present, they attributed the random act of kindness to Nicholas.

Over the years, Santa Claus has acquired many different images to suit the world's various cultures. Australian children believe he rides water skis on the Nerang River and wears a red bathing suit. In Ghana, Santa comes, not from the sky, but from the jungle. In Hawaii, he comes via boat. The Swedish Santa is a gnome in a sleigh drawn by goats. In Austria and Switzerland, the

Christkindl, an angel from heaven, bears the gifts.

Polish kids' gifts drop from the stars. In Hungary, angels bring them. In Spanish cultures, the Three Kings bring the gifts, and, in Syria, a camel delivers the presents.

Italy and Russia both have similar Santa Claus. La Befana, of Italy, was a woman who refused to join the Three Kings to Bethlehem because she hadn't finished her housework. Now she wanders from town to town looking for them and Jesus. In Russia, Baboushka, another woman, gave the Three Kings the wrong directions. She is said to wander as well.

It certainly is true that everyone's Christmas traditions and heritage differ greatly. However, learning about and appreciating such

variances only enhances the holiday experience. Besides, it's the spirit behind the celebration, the real joy of the season, that unites many cultures into one.

Merry Christmas, SSU.



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## What's happening? A guide to campus events

### Andersen attends conference

Out-going Collegiate Conservative Society President Michael Andersen recently attended the 10th Annual Conservative Leadership Conference (CLC) in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 19-21 where he heard major conservative leaders speak and met with leading policy-makers and politicians from across the country.

Andersen was very excited to have been able to participate in this major conservative gathering.

"It was a tremendous experience! The meeting of conservative minds from all over America was truly an incredible sight and I am truly honored and privileged to have been a part of the 10th Annual Conservative Leadership Conference," he said.

Andersen served for a year as president of the Collegiate Conservative Society, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization run by SSU students. His participation in the CLC is part of the Collegiate Conservative Society's goal of increasing student activism and participation in matters of public policy.



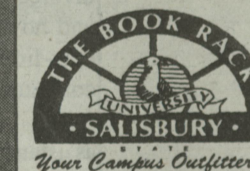
Andersen (right) is pictured here with aspiring GOP presidential hopeful and Family Research Council Gary Bauer at the 1998 Conservative Leadership Conference, Nov. 20, 1998.

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### Salisbury Symphony Orchestra to perform at SSU

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU presents its annual holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 12, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Performance times are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., with a reception to meet the orchestra members immediately following the 8 p.m. performance.

The feature guest performer is 16-year-old Guanqiao Tong, who will be performing the first movement of Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in c minor, Opus 18."

A resident of Onancock, VA, Guanqiao has studied for the past five years with Marion Herrett of Princess Anne. An honor student in his junior year at the Broadwater Academy in Exmore, VA, Tong this year won third place in the Davis Memorial Piano Competition and first place in the Doris Chase Sonata Competition and first

place in the Doris Chase Sonata Competition, both held in Washington, D.C. Active in both hospital and library volunteer service, Tong enjoys math and English courses along with his music.

Tong said, "I want to keep doing well enough in school to keep my opportunities open." Dr. Thomas Elliot, music director and conductor of the SSO described Tong as, "possessing a maturity so rarely found in one so young."

Also programed is "The Rumanian Rhapsody, No. 2, Op. 11" by George Enesco, described by Elliot as "a lively and very ethnic piece, stirring and rousing." The concert will include the first movement of Cesar Franck's "Symphony in d minor" and a tailored rendition of Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Suite from 'The Christmas Night'" with special guest narrator, SSU President

William C. Merwin.

As usual, the annual SSO Holiday Concert will conclude with seasonal favorites, including the now-famous sing-a-long. Please note that this year's Santa visit will be limited to the 2 p.m. concert (due to his overwhelmingly busy schedule!). Santa will be leading youngsters, both the young and the young-at-heart, in a special "holiday march" around the performance hall, to

the music of Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland."

Tickets, \$15 for adults, and \$8 for seniors (60 and up) and for students (18 and under), are available at any Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council outlet (410-341-0024); at Salisbury Music and Instrument Repair on Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury (410-543-1200); or by calling the Symphony Office at 410-548-5587.

## Aid for divorced families

Parents facing the wrenching transition of separation or divorce can now get invaluable assistance in helping their children cope with the grief and anger of a family breakup. The Center for Conflict Resolution at SSU co-parenting seminars continue on Monday, Dec. 14, from 6-9 p.m. The seminars are aimed at educating parents on how divorce affects children of different ages and how they can ease the change to a two-household family with communication and cooperation.

Doctor I. Eugene White, assistant professor of psychology at SSU and certified parenting seminar trainer,

and M. Eileen Matlack, Ph.D. director of the CARES (Children at Risk Educationally and Socially) program at Bennett Middle School in Salisbury, will lead the seminars.

Seminars are also scheduled, January 11 and 25, and February 15 and 22. Seminars for children and adolescents will begin in the spring.

Taking place at the Center for Conflict Resolution, 1100 Camden Avenue, the cost is \$100 per two-night seminar per person. To register for the co-parenting education seminars, or for more information, call 410-219-2873.

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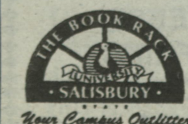
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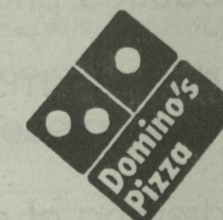
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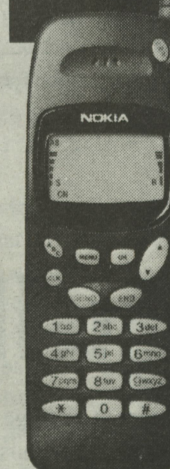
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## Cooke leads team to tournament win

Shawn Kieselmann  
Flyer Sports Writer

The women's basketball team was victorious in the annual Salisbury Optimist Classic Tournament on Friday. The Lady Gulls found themselves up against the Bishops of N.C. Wesleyan and former Seagull Jill Livezy. The game began with the Bishops scoring the first three points, but SSU quickly went on a 15-2 run and

never looked back after that. The Gulls played an up tempo game with Cooke pushing the ball up the court on every opportunity. She was able to penetrate the Bishops' defense easily and either score on her own or find someone open under the basket.

"Our offense is a controlled run," said head coach Bridget Benshetler. "We try to beat the other team down court and create outlets. We also try to get everyone involved."

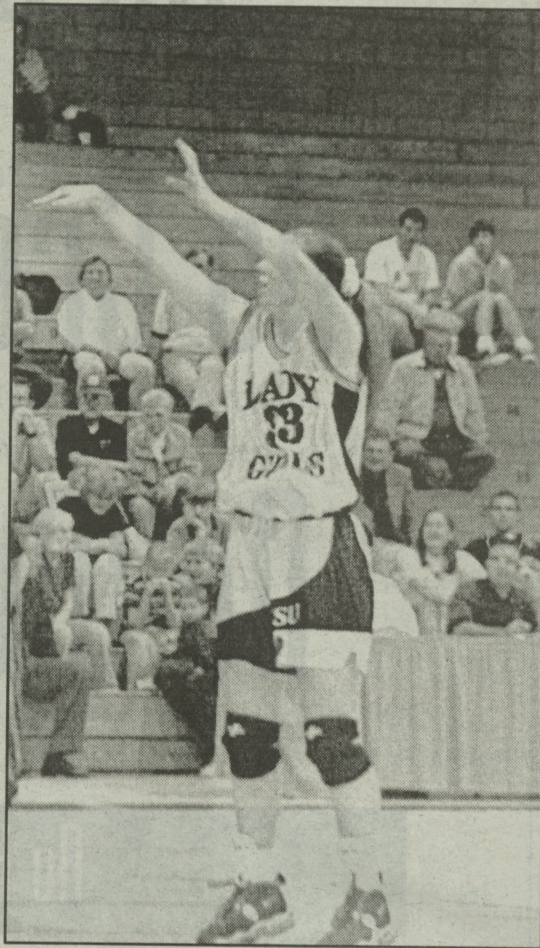
There were indeed many players involved in the Gulls' offense, as

the women with 18 points on 5 of 13 from the field. Elizabeth Barfuss had 13, as did Jessica Baker, who came off the bench. Cooke finished the game with 12 points and 10 assists.

The Bishops were led by Salisbury native Jill Livezy, who was playing on a sprained ankle. Despite her injury, Livezy tallied 18 points, while going 4 for 12 from three point range. Livezy's heroics, however, were not enough because in the end, her team was outmatched. SSU played a physical trapping defense that caused 22 turnovers in the game and took the Bishops completely out of their offense.

According to their coach, this was a win of many important win for the women. "Not only is it another victory, but it was a good win for Amy, being that she's the only senior on the team," said Benshetler. "This will build confidence for our next CAC game." The women's next game is Saturday against CAC rival, Goucher.

Depth was certainly an asset for the women in this game, and the scoring was very balanced. Junior Jessica Latour led



Jessica Latour demonstrates proper form on the freethrow line.



The up-tempo offense of the Lady Seagulls proved to be too much for N.C. Wesleyan.

## Chiavelli, Jackson pace Seagulls

Daniel Namorato  
Sports Editor

On Friday night, the Salisbury State men's basketball team improved to 4-1 on the young season, with a 94-78 victory over Greensboro College in the opening round of the Salisbury Optimist Classic Tournament. SSU came into the game as the winner of two straight, after knocking off Gallaudet 95-92 in their CAC opener. The Greensboro Pride entered the game with a record of 1-3, which included three straight losses.

The first half was played very sloppily, as the two teams combined for 30 turnovers and 45 percent (13-29) shooting from the free-throw line. SSU received a huge lift off the bench from Tony Chiavelli. The sophomore hit on 3 three pointers on his way to 11 first half

points. "Tony stepped up his play for us tonight," said SSU head coach Ward Lambert.

Bernie Dennison complimented Chiavelli's outside threat by adding 10 points and 6 rebounds under the basket. The Pride stayed close behind Shannon Scales (9 first half points) who electrified the crowd with a steal and dunk. Every time Greensboro made a run, Chiavelli would knock down a three to slow down their momentum. "I just try to help the team coming off the bench. I thought we played our most complete game of the year," said Chiavelli. The Pride stayed within striking distance, though, as they trailed 48-40 at the half.

The Sea Gulls went on a 13-2 run to open the second half, behind 9 points from freshman Victor Jackson. It

looked like the Gulls were going to blow it open, as they led 61-42. "Coach told us at halftime to use our heads and hustle, and good things would happen," added Jackson. But a furious comeback by Greensboro saw them cut the lead to 3 (70-67) with 9 minutes left.

A 7-0 run highlighted by a three from Josh Merkel lifted the lead to 77-67. Jackson continued to pour it on, as he grabbed a rebound and added a lay-up on the other end. Moments later, he stole an errant pass, which led to a C.J. Jarmon lay-up. Jackson fouled out with 4:30 left, after contributing 17 points and 6 rebounds. Chiavelli returned in the final four minutes and added yet another three pointer, to put the game out of reach. Chiavelli, along with senior co-captain Eric Prendeville, added clinching free throws in the final minute. The Sea Gulls

will take on Lincoln College on Saturday in the tournament championship.

### Notes:

\*Prendeville added 13 assists.

\*The Sea Gulls hit on 40 percent (8-20) of their three-point attempts.

\*Dennison finished with 14 points and 8 rebounds.

\*Chiavelli finished with 19 points on 4-6 three-point shooting

## Intramural program concludes successful semester of events

Andrew Gilchrist  
Special to The Flyer

Where has all the time gone? It seems like yesterday that we were getting the fields lined for flag football and soccer. It has been a very successful semester for the Intramural program. Participation was on the rise, new leagues were introduced, and many events ran without a problem.

As of right now, we only have the 3 on 3 Basketball tournament and the 5 on 5 Santa Claus tournament underway. In fact, both leagues had many more teams than we had originally

anticipated, which is good. Unfortunately, time constraints made for a hectic two weeks for many of the teams. We apologize for this and would like to remind all teams that the main 5 on 5 league will start up in February.

Speaking of next semester, we will once again host a large number of events, ranging from one-day events to double elimination tournaments and standard leagues. In February, we will offer a Free Throw Contest and a 3 Point Shoot Out, Co-Rec Volleyball, a Floor Hockey Tournament and, as mentioned earlier, the always popular 5 on 5 Basketball League, all of which are for men and women.

## Women's basketball looks forward to season

LaTonya Wright  
Flyer Sports Writer

This season, the SSU women's basketball team returns, with seven players from last year's squad that finished (16-14) overall and (9-5) in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC).

"Our goal this season is to finish better than last year," said SSU head coach Bridget Benshetler. Benshetler, now in her ninth season, is confident that the team will have a successful season. Under Benshetler, the Gulls have registered four consecutive winning seasons and earned two invitations to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

The team will be led this season by senior guard Amy Cooke, the team's captain, along with junior guard Jessica Latour. Cooke averaged 14.6 points per game for the Sea Gulls, while starting in all 26 games. She led the CAC and ranked second in the nation in assists, with 7.9 per game. Cooke finished with a total of 205 assists last season. "The team should do well this season, since we have a good core of our team returning," said Cooke. The 5'5" senior also finished among conference leaders in three-point field goals (35.3 percent) and steals (3.0).

Latour finished last season as SSU's leading scorer, with 15.6 points per game. She finished with the team's highest three-point field goal percentage (41.4) and was second in the conference in free throw percentage at 83.5 percent (86-103).

The Gulls should continue to play with a style of pressure defense and quick tempo. "We really have a solid team this season," said assistant coach

Kelly Whitmore. "We have a deep bench, and our girls are extremely athletic." The team will keep the three guard-two forward offense throughout the season, to take advantage of the team's speed. "The offense is at its best when we are moving fast," said Cooke.

On the defensive end, the team will rely on sophomore forward Lisa Neylan, who led the team in rebounds, with 11 per game, along with 3 steals per game last season. "The team has very quick hands," said Whitmore. "When we play our game, we are a tough team to beat."

The biggest concern for the Gulls this season will be the lack of experience and onset of injuries. Cooke is the only senior on the team, so she will have to step it up this season, if the Gulls are to have any success. Although the team lacks experience, the Gulls certainly have the talent and energy to make some noise in the NCAA.

In March, our first event is our NCAA March Madness Tournament pool. This is the standard March Madness pool, in that you select the winners of the entire tournament, but, NO, you don't win any money. As long as you are a current SSU student, faculty or staff member, you are eligible to win the T-shirt.

We will also have a Sports Trivia contest for all you sports fanatics and those who think they know everything there is to know about sports. Our final activity will be our most popular event, softball. There will be men's, women's and co-rec divisions. So get ready, because Spring training is just around the corner.

April will also be a very busy month. Events will include Co-Rec Lacrosse, Co-Rec Innertube Water Polo (always a blast), a One-Pitch Softball Tournament, Co-Rec Sand Volleyball,

Golf and, finally, our Annual Earth Day 5K Fun Run. The Earth Day Run is just like the Turkey Trot, only with warmer weather. We will also have a Home Run Hitting Contest sometime in late spring, but the date has not yet been set.

All of these events are open to you, the students and faculty/staff of SSU. You can get a set of dates for the entry deadlines, captain's meetings and starting dates for all events at the Campus Recreation Offices in Maggs Gym. You can also watch for posting in all of the dorms, the Intramural board in Maggs and the Flyer next Spring.

Thank you to all participants, team captains, supervisors, officials, athletic trainers and resident assistants for helping in their own way to make the Intramural program a success. The Intramural staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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# SSU's 1998-99 women's basketball team



Jamie Kohlenstein  
Freshman  
#45



Dawn Joyce  
Freshman  
#14



Elisabeth Barfuss  
Sophomore  
#22



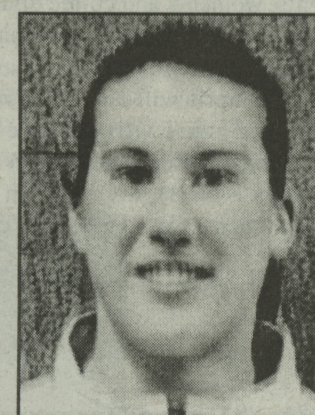
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Lisa Neylan  
Sophomore  
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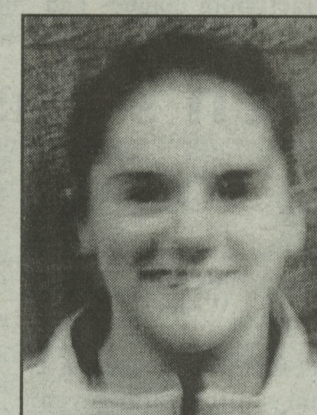
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Junior  
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Michele Deschu  
Sophomore  
#12



LeAnn Karl  
Sophomore  
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Ginney Manley  
Freshman  
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Sara Wright  
Sophomore  
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Heidi Buchanan  
Freshman  
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Kelly Palmer  
Freshman  
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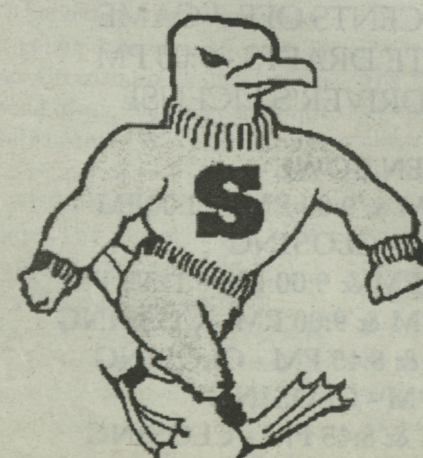


Sara Scangarello  
Freshman  
#25

Not pictured:

Jessica Baker  
Freshman  
#21

Amy Cooke  
Senior  
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SSU's women's basketball coaches, Bridget Benshetler (left), Suzette Thom, and Kelly Whittmore (right).

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# GREEK FORUM

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Alpha Sigma Tau  
ΑΣΤ

Greek Council

We hope everyone had a great semester and is ready for exams. Only one more week left! We would like to congratulate our new members of Alpha Rho: Melissa, Heather, Dawn and Dana. We would like to wish the best of luck to our sisters, Lori and Joanna, who will be leaving SSU this semester. You two contributed so much and will be missed greatly. Congratulations to everyone who got executive and staff positions. We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing winter break and is ready for next semester.

Our final meeting of the semester will be today at 4:30 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the GUC. All members of the Greek community are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing Risk Management, Spring 1999 Rush, The Scarborough Leadership Center and a few other topics of interest to us all. Joe Oravec will be our key note speaker. Good luck on finals, and we'll see you next semester.

Phi Mu  
ΦΜ

Well, it's been a quiet week. Hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving break. Can you believe this semester is almost over? Happy Belated Birthday to Kristie Arnold and Heather Defibaugh. Elections are next week, so get your speeches ready. Jenn, make sure you spray. We had a great time ringing bells for Salvation Army on Saturday. You'd think after two years we'd know those songs. Get ready for initiation! Did you remember to hug your little sister this week? ΦΜ wishes everyone good luck on finals!

Delta Gamma  
ΔΓ

It's been another exciting week for us Dee Gees! Congratulations to our basketball stars, who put forth a great effort in the IFC tournament. Congratulations also go out to all of our new VP's and Directors. We also had a great time getting to know our new CDC, Courtney. You did a great job with formal. We all had a blast! Lastly, Secret Santa struck and put us all in the holiday spirit. Study hard for those finals!



Dee Gee's newest sisters - the fall 98 pledge class.

to thank Brother Mike Scarborough, our founding father, for his continuous support of SSU and especially for his most recent contribution to Greek life.

"Build a Park" service project. The corner of East Church and Elizabeth Streets looks great! Also, congratulations to our lone senior, Miller Johnson. Best wishes after graduation! SSU, see you next semester. ZLAM...

Zeta Tau Alpha  
ZTA

We would like to introduce our newly initiated sisters: Heidi Schumann, Michelle Sands, Natalie Orsini, Susan Powell, Jen Patro, Angie Marhefka, Jessica Yorke, Jessica Parrot, Christy Clark, Amy Dorathy, Kristin Graham, Kristi Clark, Julie Russell, Sarah Schmidt and Leah Mikkeelson. Did anyone else notice that during initiation Kristine thought she was Elmer Fudd? Thanks go out to OST for the social on Thursday night. Even though Jamie wants to switch flip cut teams, we'll Pajama Jammie Jam with you guys any time! Thanks also go out to Sig Ep for our "Drop Your Pants at the Door" initiation social on Friday night. You guys are always quite the gentlemen. Thanks for the roses! Did everyone have fun at formal on Saturday? Kati, you did a great job! Amy, thanks for doing the slide show for me. I'm sure it was great! Congratulations to IFC for organizing a successful



Zeta Tau Alpha would like to thank Jason Lappen and Ike Brooks for reigning as the 1997-98 Mr. Zetas.

Sigma Alpha  
Epsilon  
ΣΑΕ

Did someone say Skip Out? I hope everyone had a good break and is getting ready for finals. Congratulations to everyone elected into their new positions. If anyone was witness to the outstanding sportsmanship of all three ΣΑΕ basketball teams, you might care as little about the score as we did. "It's not whether you win or lose, it's..." Hmmm, how does that saying go Tim? Saturday, we got together with the rest of IFC to build a park. We would like



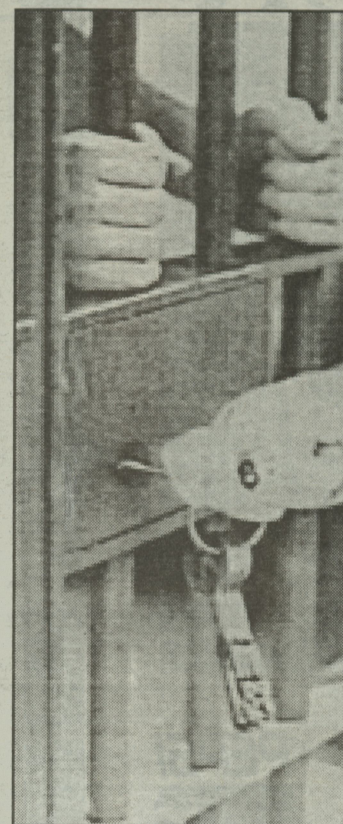
Everyone loves Anchor Splash!

# CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips  
Director of Public Safety

made to forcibly enter a room on the second floor of Fulton Hall. Nothing was reported missing.

11/19-11/23 **Theft** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported the theft of a bike from a bike rack on campus.

11/20 **Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Chester Hall reported receiving several hang-up calls.

11/20 **Theft** - A cell phone was reported stolen from an office on the second floor of the University Center.

11/21 **Vandalism** - A glass door was broken at the South entrance to Chester Hall.

11/23-24 **Theft** - A small refrigerator was reported stolen from the first floor of Fulton Hall.

11/7-21 **Theft** - A three seat brown couch was reported stolen from the first floor lounge of Chester Hall. Also, a red desk chair and a green foot stool were reported missing from the fourth floor lounge.

11/13 **Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Wicomico Hall reported receiving an annoying and wanted phone call.

11/18-19 **Attempted Breaking and Entering** - An attempt was

11/25 **Vandalism/Disorderly Conduct** - During an argument between two students, a window screen was damaged at Dogwood Village. Administrative action is pending.

11/25 **Tampering with a Fire Extinguisher** - An unknown person discharged a fire extinguisher on the second floor of Choptank Hall. The contents of the extinguisher caused the building fire alarm to be activated. All residents of the building had to evacuate until the cause of the alarm was determined and the alarm could be reset.

11/25 **Marijuana Violation** - A small amount of suspected marijuana was found in a student's room in Chester Hall. Administrative action is pending.

11/25-12/1 **Theft** - A large amount of change was reported stolen from a room in St. Martin Hall.

11/29-12/1 **Hit and Run** - A resident of St. Martin Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle

while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

11/29-12/1 **Theft** - A resident of Dogwood Village reported that a mountain bike was stolen from the Dogwood bike barn.

11/30-12/1 **Theft** - An art student reported the theft of a painting from the hallway bulletin board in Fulton Hall near room 217. It is described as measuring 18" x 24", and it is an acrylic paint on paper depicting a seashore scene with beach umbrellas. It has the initials DRW in the lower right corner.

Crime Solvers of the Lower Eastern Shore, Inc. will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals or capture of wanted persons. You **do not** have to give your name. Call 410-548-1776.

**Correction:** Marijuana was not found on the substance free fifth floor of Chester Hall as was stated in last issue's Crime Beat.

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The French Club of SSU will be sponsoring a needy family in the community for the holidays. There will be a box located in the Language Lab (Caruthers 107) and the Language House (1013 Camden Ave.) from Dec. 1-11 to

collect canned goods or other items. Toys for a two and a half year old boy will be accepted. Monetary donations will be used to purchase gifts and a food certificate at Giant. See Dr. St. Martin or Dr. White in class or in the Language House.

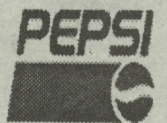


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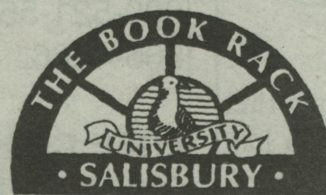
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